

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application 10/728,813
Atty Docket No.: Q78827

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 14, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 4 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract because it is not directed to the claimed subject matter. The Examiner states that the abstract is directed to a lamp cover and not a UV absorbing film. The Examiner requires correction.

In response, applicants have amended the abstract to direct it to a UV absorbing film, as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner states that the title of the invention is not descriptive, and requires a new title that is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

In response, applicants have amended the title to read as follows: --ULTRAVIOLET-ABSORBING FILM CONTAINING A FLUORESCENT BRIGHTENING AGENT--.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the Cornelius et al Published Patent Application in view of Fleck et al.

The Examiner asserts that Cornelius et al teach an ultraviolet filter film containing an ultraviolet radiation absorber and a fluorescent optical brightener which absorbs light in the 340-400 nm region and emits light in the range of 400-500 nm region. The Examiner states that Cornelius et al disclose in Paragraph [0105] oxazole type optical brighteners, but do not disclose the optical brighteners set forth in the present claims.

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The Examiner relies on Fleck et al as teaching an oxazole type optical brightener that satisfies the formula of the present claims. The Examiner sets forth a formula which corresponds to a formula that appears to satisfy formula (I) and (a) of claim 1, where m is 4.

The Examiner does not point to any specific disclosure in Fleck et al that contains the formula that the Examiner asserts is disclosed in Fleck et al.

The Fleck et al patent does not contain any specific example of a compound that corresponds to formula (I) and (a) of claim 1.

Applicants submit that Fleck et al do not disclose or suggest the compounds of Formula (1) and (b) to (k) of claim 1.

Further, applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowable. Claim 4 recites a formula that is within the scope of formula (1) and (a) of claim 1 where m is 1 or 2. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that m represents an integer of 1 or 2.

Applicants submit that claim 1 as amended above clearly distinguishes over Fleck et al and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Fleck et al.

The Examiner employs the same analysis of Fleck et al as discussed above.

Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 1 as amended above clearly distinguishes over Fleck et al and, therefore, request withdrawal of this rejection.

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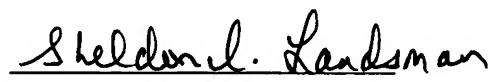
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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